

ORDINANCE NO. O-11-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6C  
ENTITLED "ELECTIONS" OF THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE 2 ENTITLED "FINANCIAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES", SECTION 6C-12 ENTITLED  
"LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Gaithersburg, in  
public meeting assembled, that Chapter 6C entitled "Elections" is amended and shall  
read as follows:

**Chapter 6C**  
**Elections**

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**Sec. 6C-12. ~~Limitations~~ Restrictions on campaign contributions.**

- (a) No candidate may accept, in connection with any election for the position of mayor or a position on the city council, a contribution in cash in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or an in-kind contribution, or combination thereof, the value of which is in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from any one person. No person may contribute or promise to contribute in the aggregate, more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash, or in-kind contributions, valued at more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to any one candidate in connection with any one election. No person may contribute or promise to contribute in the aggregate, more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash, or in-kind contributions, or combination thereof, valued at more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per candidate, to any one political committee. No person may contribute more than a total of \$1,500 in connection with any one election. No candidate shall accept any contribution in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in cash unless it be by check, money order or other written or electronic instruments. No candidate or political committee shall accept any anonymous contributions. Any anonymous contribution received by a candidate or a political committee shall be promptly paid over to the city to be used for any lawful purpose.

(b) Any campaign contributions received by a candidate or political committee must be deposited in a separate account with a financial institution. Campaign contributions must not be commingled with any other funds.

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ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, by the City Council of Gaithersburg Maryland.

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SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and  
President of the Council

DELIVERED to the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009. APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

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Sidney A. Katz, Mayor

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance as adopted by the City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, and that the same was approved/vetoed by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009. This Ordinance will become effective on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September.

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Angel L. Jones, City Manager